1977-present

The Women's Division is a committee of volunteers from the Red River Valley area that plan and coordinate the activities of the women's program held in the Armory. A committee member serves a three-year term. The president is elected from this committee, serves a three-year term, and holds a position on the board of managers. The committee meets from September through April. Programs presently included are: an Arts and Crafts Fair, educational demonstrations, Senior Citizens' Day, Town and Country Art Show, needlework display, and Women's Seminar.

Purpose of Women's Division

To foster information and educational programs with regard to the resources of the Red River Valley area and to conduct educational meetings featuring problems confronting farmers and homemakers (i.e. men and women of the Red River Valley).

Visions for the Future

Donna Rae Jacobson, present chairman of the Women's Division, says "I feel the Women's Division has made a contribution to the educational programming of the Red River Valley Winter Shows through the educational programs devoted to improving the 'quality of life' in the Red River Valley region."

Mrs. Jacobson continues, "The future of the Women's Division is bright due to the energy and enthusiasm of the volunteers who serve on the various sub-committees. These volunteers initiate programs which are indeed providing for the improvement of the quality of life as well as encouragement for participants to display their talents through art, photography and needlework. I believe we, the members of the Women's Division, are at the forefront for new challenges which will be initiated during the 75th Anniversary and for years to come."

Red River Valley Horse Breeders Association (1965) -- This association was organized in the early 60's for the purpose of encouraging the recreation horse industry and particularly of taking charge of the horse show section of the Red River Valley Winter Shows. A number of horse breeding organizations, including some saddle clubs, make up the Red River Valley Horse Breeders Association. This group, while changing somewhat as the years have progressed, has been in charge of the Horse Show at the Winter Shows since the new building was built. This show has been very successful in involving many families who own horses and who come to the show in the middle of winter. They bring their entire family to exhibit the breeds in competition and to engage in the several sporting events like barrel racing. The show draws people from several states.

Minnesota Farmers Union (1971) -- This organization is part of the National Farmers Union, which is a nationwide association of farmers dedicated to the continued development of the agricultural industry and of the family farm as a unit of management. They joined the Winter Shows' cooperating organizations in the early 1960's.